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Dear Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court,

I am writing on behalf of the Monroe County Assistant Prosecutor's Association to comment on the proposed amendments to MCR 6.302.

It is our position that the proposed amendments to MCR 6.302 are cumbersome and unnecessary. A literal reading of the proposed amendments would require all plea negotiations between a Prosecuting Attorney and a Defendant or his counsel to take place on the record. This would tie up considerable court time and resources. Further, even a more conservative reading of the proposed amendments will require all *Cobbs* plea discussions to take place on the record and not in chambers. This is likely to have a chilling effect on plea negotiations and significantly slow down the resolution of criminal cases.

We are opposed to the proposed amendments to MCR 6.302. We ask the Court to not amend the rule. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,



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